

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's correct.

SENATOR MURPHY: What options do the county commissioners have?

SENATOR F. LEWIS: None. None. Same way that all budgets presented to the county commissioners to certify the mill levy.

SENATOR MURPHY: So our local control really doesn't extend below the level of that board.

SENATOR F. LEWIS: That's true. That's the NRD's, the ESU's, the school districts, everyone of them is done that way. It's a formality for certification.

SENATOR MURPHY: Thank you.

SENATOR SAVAGE: There are no other lights on. If there is no further discussion, the Chair recognizes Senator Mills for closing.

SENATOR MILLS: Mr. President, members of the body, I'm very serious about this, contrary to some opinion. I did, and I do, agree with Senator Koch. I think when LB 368 came up there it's our duty to say, as legislators, yes we do, or no we don't support this concept. I, for one, did not. I'm willing to accept that responsibility. I, for one, am ready to give it to the local people. Let the local control prevail. We're ready for it. I think they're ready for it. I've gotten letters, all kinds of letters, asking me to support 344. Now I want to do it. I hope you will do it. Furthermore, there's a number of you people who will be running for re-election next year. Think about what a relief that will be to talk to those people you'll be campaigning for when it wasn't the Legislature that raised your sales and income tax. It would be your local people. You'll have an easy way of campaigning. Then you can take further blame and pass it on to higher echelons in our government. Think about how free this will make you. I know that there's some of you campaigning right now. So . . . excuse me Senator Lewis. I'm very serious though. It's how much faith you have in our people back home. I ask you to adopt the 5 mill for operation, 2 mills for capital construction amendment.

SENATOR SAVAGE: The question is to adopt the Mills amendment. Record your vote. Have you all voted? Please vote. Have you all voted? Senator Mills.

SENATOR MILLS: I'd like a record vote please.

SENATOR SAVAGE: Record vote. Record.

CLERK: Voting aye Senators Barnett, Clark, DeCamp, Dickinson, Dworak, Marsh, Marvel, Mills, Schmit, Simpson and Warner.